

against AIDS, as well as to building a society where fighting disease and want and malnutrition and lack of education is paramount.

Obviously, there is a lot of work to do. Every student in this auditorium has an opportunity to do something. The range of roles you can play is very broad—whether working directly in the delivery of healthcare services or prevention programs through relief organizations or public health programs; working in international development or finance for sane policies that actually benefit struggling communities and developing nations rather than policies that simply serve to further line the pockets of already-rich multinational corporations; or working in politics or public policy here in the United States for approaches that recognize the immeasurable global impact of every foreign policy and aid decision made in the U.S. Congress.

In whatever role you end up playing, it will be paramount to remember this: Even during our present economic slump—and especially when the world economy is so-called “roaring”—the biggest decisions made here and globally are about the allocation of resources. We have the resources to wage a successful war in the prevention of HIV/AIDS. We have medicines available today that can substantially alleviate the vast human suffering over 42 million persons are enduring right now, this minute. One of the great tests of our day—the battle against HIV/AIDS—will ultimately be measured by the yardstick of how we allocated our resources.

Our nation must insist that the pharmaceutical industry provide life-saving drugs to suffering millions, rather than providing tens of millions of dollars in salaries, stock option and retirement bonuses to its CEOs.

Let me conclude with a very hard, and very important truth. The United States, and its government, will not address the major problems which face us unless you demand we do so.

#### HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY SHERIFF MEARL JUSTUS

#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2003*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of St. Clair County, Illinois Sheriff Mearl Justus' law enforcement career.

When Mearl Justus began as a part-time Cahokia police officer in 1953, he didn't even have a radio in his car. Now, exactly 50 years later, he's in charge of the St. Clair County Sheriff's department and every car has a computer in the dash. A lot of changes have come and gone in these past 50 years.

At first, Justus didn't even plan to become a police officer. Mearl says he was raised poor by his grandparents. Cahokia Mayor Bill Miskell back in 1953 told Justus he would make a good cop. The next thing he knew, he got a gun and a badge. At the time he was a twenty-one year old high school dropout. Since Cahokia did not have a high school, he attended school in nearby Dupo, but never finished. However, it didn't take long for Justus to learn about being a cop. So began a career in law enforcement that would span half a

century, touch the lives of thousands of people and bring a new approach to law enforcement in our area.

Mearl soon returned to school, realizing that if he wanted to continue working as a cop, he needed an education in law enforcement. He soon received his GED and began looking for training opportunities. In 1959, he took a class at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. It was a weeklong course, so Justus took a week long vacation and took the class. In 1976, he received his Associates Degree from Southwestern Illinois Community College (SWIC) and in 1978 he received his BS in the Administration of Criminal Justice from Western Illinois University. In 1983, Justus received a second Associates Degree from SWIC in Security Administration. He now possesses a master's degree in the Administration of Justice from the Metropolitan Collegiate Institute in London. Today, Mearl continues his education by teaching a law enforcement course at SWIC and has established a scholarship program to help other students with GED's to continue their education.

In his police career, Justus was appointed Police Chief in Cahokia in 1962 after serving on the force for a decade. According to Mearl, Cahokia had changed a lot since 1953. Cahokia grew from a small rural community, where the cops didn't even have two-way radios. If you needed a cop, Mearl says, you walked around until you found one. Cahokia, like other growing towns, became a place where crime grew as the population grew. He started seeing more burglaries, thefts and armed robberies. It wasn't until 1972 that he investigated his first murder, a case that haunts him today.

During that summer in 1972, 14-year old Robbie Watson turned up missing. Eight weeks later his body was found east of Dupo, Illinois. Mearl conducted an investigation with very few leads. Just one-year ago however, Justus received a letter from an inmate serving time in prison in another state on an unrelated crime who confessed to that murder. Justus still thinks everyday of this crime, which has yet to be closed.

In 1982, Justus decided to pursue a political career—something he said he always wanted. He was elected St. Clair County Sheriff in 1982 and was re-elected for four more terms. After that first election, Justus and his wife, Audrey, moved out of their Cahokia home and into an apartment above the jail. Audrey Justus has said living above the jail took some getting used to, though it is probably the most secure living quarters in the county. All the windows are locked and all the doors are security doors. Both Mearl and Audrey have lived there for 20 years.

Mearl enjoys being a politician, his wife has said, but not as much as being a cop. Mearl never stops campaigning. He treats everyday as if the election is tomorrow, Audrey has said. Of all his accomplishments, Mearl has been his happiest when he is helping the poor and the elderly. Mearl enjoys being accountable to the voters, instead of other politicians.

Mearl certainly believes in doing his job creatively. He is well known for his outspoken attitude about traditional police policy. In 1988, the Sheriff held a benefit for the Women's Crisis Center by holding a Slumber in the Slammer, where people paid \$100 to spend the night in the new jail addition.

In 1990, he sent out more than 1,000 notices to fugitives in the county, telling them

they had won free sneakers. When they turned up to claim their prizes, they got a trip to jail.

In 1992, Justus swapped 500 guns confiscated by his department for bulletproof vests for his deputies. He has sold ads on patrol cars to raise money. He pushes youth programs, educating kids about the perils of drugs and about the rewards of careers in law enforcement. His humble beginnings also taught Justus compassion. In 1988, he arranged a cataract surgery for a woman who had lost \$6,000 in savings, including the \$1,400 needed for the surgery, during a robbery. He also established a nutrition ministry at Cahokia Park United Methodist Church 35 years ago. Mearl also features a crack house of the month to spotlight crime areas throughout the County.

Justus rarely carries a gun, although he usually has one within reach. Justus has said he doesn't even like guns. He tells the students at the class he teaches at SWIC that too much emphasis is put on guns. He says more crimes are solved with a pen than with a gun. Good law enforcement is not always about guns.

Justus has a unique collection in his office. He has quite a collection of pigs; wooden pigs, plastic pigs, stuffed pigs, even pictures of pigs. The pig became Justus's mascot in the 60's when students across the nation were protesting the war in Vietnam. Justus says Pig stands for Pride, Integrity and Justice.

In his last campaign, rumors were running rampant that he was ready to retire. Mearl says there is no truth to that. He intends to complete the job he started some 50 years ago. But besides being Sheriff of St. Clair County and keeping up with all the Boards and Commissions on which he serves, Mearl still finds time to fish.

I have known Mearl for much of his career in law enforcement. I have always said he is the second best Sheriff in St. Clair County. My father Dan being the first, who served from 1966–1970. This year, as he has every year as Sheriff, Mearl assists the inmates of the jail to tend their own vegetable garden. The vegetables grown there feed the inmates and what's left is distributed to local nursing homes.

Mearl Justice is a unique individual. He never forgot where he came from and what it means to struggle in life and to work hard. He instills this attribute everyday, to everyone he meets and works with. Mearl says it best when he says that “there isn't anything he would do different. I am satisfied with my life.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sheriff Mearl Justus on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary in the field of law enforcement and wish him many more years of service to the people of St. Clair County.

#### CONGRATULATING UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE ON 175TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I am an original co-sponsor of H. Con. Res.

156, honoring the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the police force.

Congress established the Capitol Police during the administration of John Quincy Adams. Ponder how different the world was then, when the U.S. Congress was a young and largely untested deliberative body located in a relatively isolated town that was as much wilderness as it was settled territory.

In the last 175 years, the world has changed immeasurably, and so has the work of the Capitol Police.

Today the U.S. Capitol—which is simultaneously a national shrine, tourist attraction, and working office building—imposes extraordinary security requirements.

For example, more than three million tourists visited the Capitol complex in 2000. At the same time, the Capitol hosted more than 1,200 American and foreign dignitaries and 1,000 special events, and was the site of nearly 500 scheduled demonstrations. In addition to lawmakers and their staffs, a sizable number of journalists, concerned citizens, lobbyists, and service personnel also work within the Capitol complex.

To address these security requirements while keeping Congress as open and accessible as the Framers of the Constitution intended, the mission of the Capitol Police has expanded to provide the Congressional community and visitors with the highest possible quality of a full range of police services. These services are provided through the use of a variety of specialty support units and a network of foot patrols, vehicular patrols, and fixed posts.

In modern times, the Capitol Police have also had to cope with emergencies, bombings and shootings, including the tragic 1998 murders of Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, that remain so painfully fresh in our memories.

After that tragic event, Congress properly heightened Capitol security, adopting a posture that requires considerable additional manpower. Recent events in the Middle East and elsewhere have obviously underscored the need for more officers and greater security. Fortunately, additional resources have been provided.

Congress has appropriated money to fund all the additional officers the Capitol Police can hire and train. Supplemental funds have also been provided to address needs identified since September 11, 2001.

Today, the Capitol Police face evolving threats from those who, for whatever reason, wish our country and our democracy harm. What was unthinkable only 18 months ago, has been done. We must remain vigilant and prepared as we work to rid the world of the scourge of terrorism and preserve and expand the promise of peace and democracy.

We will continue to rely on the Capitol Police as the first line of defense for the People's House and all who work and visit here.

The men and women of the Capitol Police meet their challenges with courage and a level of professionalism not exceeded anywhere. Since the dastardly attacks of September 11, and again after the heightened security level of the past few months, Capitol Police officers, under the able leadership of Chief Terrance Gainer, have worked long hours under adverse conditions. These men and women clearly represent the best that America has to offer.

I want to express my personal thanks for a job well done and wish the United States Capitol Police a sincere and happy 175th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of H. Con. Res. 156.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS SACCO, RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART

### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Sacco, a veteran of World War II. After waiting 58 long years, he has finally been awarded the Purple Heart that he earned as a young private while serving his country in Europe.

Private Sacco was barely 18 years old when he volunteered to serve as a paratrooper in the famous and sometimes feared 101st Airborne division.

He was wounded in the town of Noville, Belgium. As his outfit advanced toward the Axis Army he was struck by shrapnel in his left arm and back and rendered unconscious.

58 years later his heroism and sacrifice is being recognized by the United States Government.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Thomas Sacco a constituent and I ask you to join with me in thanking him for his service.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN A. LAUDICK ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Nathan A. Laudick of Van Wert, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Nathan will soon graduate from Van Wert High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football, and track and field. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as a class officer and student body officer. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

Nathan Laudick can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Nathan is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the United States Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain

free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Nathan Laudick has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

HONORING DR. KURT KORAL AS HE IS RECOGNIZED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Connecticut Dental Association in extending my sincere congratulations to Dr. Kurt Koral who will be honored today with the Distinguished Service Award.

In a career that has spanned nearly four decades, Dr. Koral has worked diligently to improve the field of dentistry. In addition to his private practice, he has and continues to serve on the staffs of both the Hospital of Saint Raphael and Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is also an Associate Professor at the Yale University School of Medicine's Department of Surgery. As a surgeon, professor, and legislative activist, Dr. Koral has touched the lives of thousands.

Throughout his career, Dr. Koral has demonstrated a unique commitment to the field of dentistry through his participation in numerous professional organizations and continued advocacy. Past President of the New Haven Dental Association, Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Society and the American College of Dentists, and member of the Connecticut Dental Association, among many others, since 1968—Dr. Koral has committed a lifetime of leadership to his profession.

I have often spoke of the importance of participating in the legislative process. I believe that through these efforts real change can be made. Dr. Koral shares this belief and has worked hard over the years to effect public policy at every level of government. Today, as Chairman of the Connecticut Dental Association's Legislative Council, Dr. Koral is a leading voice in matters important to the Association and the field of dentistry.

For his many invaluable contributions and unparalleled advocacy, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Kurt Koral as he is recognized with the Connecticut Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award. Through his continued advocacy and constant participation, he has made a real difference in the lives of many. His efforts are sure to inspire others for many years to come.

HONORING MRS. CAROL A. GREINER

### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Carol A. Greiner. Carol has